

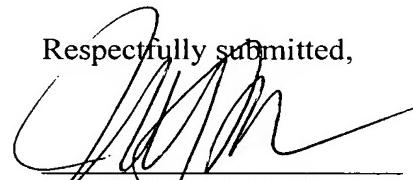
REMARKS:

Careful consideration has been given to the Official Action of July 1, 2003 and reconsideration of the application as amended is respectfully requested.

The Examiner has rejected claims 1-15 under 35 U.S.C. § 112 second paragraph as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which the applicants regard as the invention.

In order to overcome the rejection, claims 1-15 have been canceled and replaced by new claims 16-35. These claims are deemed to be in compliance with 35 U.S.C. § 112 second paragraph and entitled to examination on their merits. The claims are supported by the original disclosure and no new matter has been introduced.

Reconsideration of the application based on the new claims is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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